Thanksgiving at the Marriott Aruba was and elegant affair

Visiting the many different Thanksgiving celebrations held around the island, one would have to judge that the holiday spread in the Marriott Ballroom wins the prize for "Most Elegant." Fabulous ice sculptures in the shape of giant vases held beautiful bouquets of fresh flowers, and kept the peel and eat shrimp nicely chilled, which is just an example of their setting for a sumptuous buffet.

A beautiful carving station, salad and side dish stations stations, and a dessert cart to die for tempted the many families that attended their holiday celebration. A few too many visits to the ice cream cart where one could choose either a cone or sundae with a variety of toppings may have proved a little too much for little John Eijah Micello of New York, as he cuddled in his dad's arms, ready to call it a night after a bit of over-celebrating the holiday.

Many families return to Aruba year after year for Thanksgiving, as did the Micellos, and the fabulous buffet dinner at the Marriott has become part of that holiday tradition, where a number of guests confessed they feel as if they are with "family." One such guest, a mother with a rather large family expressed "How can this not be wonderful? The food was fantastic, the presentation was magnificent, and I didn't have to cook! It doesn't get better than that!"